

REMARKS

In the Office Action of October 16, 2007, all pending claims stand rejected. Applicants filed a Response dated March 17, 2008 including a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 by Professor John A. Gladysz, swearing behind the earliest priority date of U.S. Application Publication No. 2005/0015936 to Eckert et al. However, upon further review of the MPEP, Applicants noted that a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 swearing behind a reference must be signed by all inventors of the- application (see, MPEP § 715.04). Applicants have attached hereto a revised Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 signed by all inventors of the subject application. Accompanying the Declaration is the following evidence of earlier conception/reduction to practice: a) a copy of an article submitted to *The Journal of the American Chemical Society* describing the claimed invention which was submitted June 11, 2001 (received June 12, 2001) and describes research performed prior to the May 30, 2001 Eckert priority date; b) laboratory notebook pages from co-inventor Marc Wende describing experiments reducing the claimed invention to practice which were performed prior to the May 30, 2001 Eckert priority date; and c) a copy of a group meeting schedule showing that co-inventor Wende presented his research on March 21, 2001 in which experiments for reducing the claimed invention to practice were discussed. Applicants request that the revised Declaration be entered and considered by the Examiner along with the Amendments and Remarks submitted in the Response dated March 17, 2008, as evidence of prior conception of the subject matter of the claimed invention.

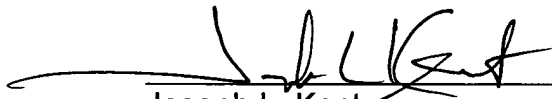
Applicants submit herewith a request for a 3-month extension for filing a Response to the Office Action. Since a 2-month extension was requested and the fee submitted with the Response of March 17, 2008, Applicants submit herewith the balance necessary to request a 3-month extension for filing the present Response. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fee deemed necessary for full consideration of this Response to Deposit Account 11-1110

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that claims 1-4, 6-25, and 27-72 of the subject application recite novel and non-obvious methods of conducting a chemical reaction in a non-fluorous medium using a fluoruous compound in the presence of a solid adsorbant containing a fluoruous domain. Applicants have established conception and reduction of practice of the claimed methods prior to the earliest priority date of Eckert et al. In view of the Amendments and Remarks submitted on March 17, 2008 and the revised Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 submitted herewith, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims in the subject application are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration of the rejection and issuance of a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

If the undersigned can be of assistance to the Examiner in addressing issues to advance the application to allowance, please contact the undersigned at the number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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